Survey of policy for reforestation

7. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the long-term policy for reforestation in the deforested land in the country;

(b) what concrete steps have been taken to implement this policy; and

(c) whether any survey has been undertaken to monitor the success/ failure of this policy?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) An area of 9 million hectares of degraded forest land is proposed to be reforested during the Eighth Five Year Plan. In addition to work being done by State Forest Departments to reforest degraded forest lands, guidelines have been issued to State Governments to involve village communities in reforestation of degraded forest lands, on usufruct sharing basis.

(c) No survey has been undertaken to monitor the success of this policy as guidelines were issued on 1-6-1990 only.

One Rank-one pension for Ex-Servicemen

8. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the scheme of "one-rank one pension" for ex-servicemen?

(b) if not, by when Government propose to fulfil its commitment to "one rank-one pension" for ex-servicemen and at what steps does the matter stand at present;

(c) what is the reason for the delay?

(d) since when the decision is likely to be given effect to; and

(e) what would be the likely additional expenditure on implementation of this commitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Committee constituted by the Government of India to considered the ex-servicemen's demand for 'one rank one pension' has not been able to finalise its report so far. The Committee has, however, completed examination of the issue and its report is expected to be finalised shortly. The likely addition expenditure on implementation of this demand can be worked out after the modalities for its implementation are finalised.

Tiger reserved in Orissa

9. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a Tiger Reserve (Tiger Project) in Phulabari district of Orissa comprising the forests of Phulabari, Balangir and Kalahandi districts; and

(b) if so, whether the said tiger reserve would be set up during the 8th Five Year Plan; and if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) At present there is no proposal to set up a Tiger Reserve in Phulabari, Balangir and Kalahandi districts of Orissa.

Pollution control measures by Power Plants in Orissa

10. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the power plants in Orissa which have not taken any air and water Pollution control measures;